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For : WATER-PURIFYING SOLID MATERIAL MADE OF A NATURAL RAW  
MATERIAL CONTAINING POLYSACCHARIDES AS PRINCIPAL  
COMPONENTS, AND WATER-PURIFYING METHOD USING THE SAME

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed March 23, 2009, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record in view of the following amendments and remarks. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response, to expire on June 23, 2009, Applicant files this response before the two-month date and believes a Request for Extension of Time is not necessary. However, if any fees are necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, the Office is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.